Bar Hill News

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Christmas is nearly upon us again, with all the work and expense involved. Presents to buy and wrap, cards to write and post, meals to plan, prepare and wash up. Children waking up full of beans at 4.00am, hoardes of visiting relations.... But let's not forget the spirit of Christmas, it is a time of celebration and happiness, and that means for Mums and Dads, too! So why not make it a priority this year to really enjoy yourselves, instead of over-working and over-spending in an effort to please and impress. Put your feet up or let your hair down and ENJOY IT!!!

The News is full of forthcoming seasonal events to help you plan your festivities. Be sure to make a note of the Village Christmas Dance, to be held in the School on the 3rd December. Tickets at £1.20 each (including light refreshments) are on sale from any Committee member or from Fourbuoys the Newsagents in the Hall. See you there....

Please forgive the rather out-of-date Committee addresses shown below. To keep down costs, we are using up a large stock of printed front sheets, but will soon exhaust this and will be re-ordering a quantity of up-to-date front sheets for future use. Apologies for any inconvenience caused in the meantime.

The objectives of the BHRA are to act as an intermediary between the residents and other parties, to keep residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the village, and to promote the interest of Bar Hill Village.

This year's Committee are:

Chairman of the Committee	Gerry Brunning	29 Otter Close	Tel: 81085
Secretary	Mary Ingram	17 Otter Close	Tel: 80447
Treasurer	George Clapinski	133 Pheasant Rise	Tel: 80996
Membership Secretary	David Price	82 Fox Hollow	Tel: 80186
	Jo Hall	41 Otter Close	Tel: 80304
	Pam Hooper	76 Oatlands Avenue	Tel: 80539
	Janet Wood	3 Almond Grove	Tel: 80573
	Jeremy Dodd	12 Fox Hollow	Tel: 80445
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BAR HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 1st November, 1976.

Attendence and apologies were recorded. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and corrected as follows:-

Bar Hill News: Messrs. Craske and Price have not offered their services, so their names were omitted. Play Area Sub-Committee: Mr. G. Clapinski has offered to take over from Mr. G. Brunning as he has other committments. All matters arising were to be dealt with on the Agenda.

Treasurer's Report: Our Treasurer was unable to attend, but we understand that income was nil last month and there was one expenditure - fireworks £150.

Parish Council Report: Mr. Parrot gave a report of the last meeting. All points were covered in last month's "Bar Hill News".

Bar Hill News: Thanks were expressed for the early delivery last month. The new format was approved of. The team are planning a meeting soon to formulate a policy for next year. It is hoped to run a feature about each of the industries in the village.

Fireworks: To date we had collected £148.64, though several members had to call back on some houses. Jobs for the display were allocated.

Christmas Dance: Posters are about to be distributed and tickets will be ready this week.

Play Area: During the summer the ground was too dry to work on and recently it has been too wet! Fortunately, the drainage system is working well and water is not lying on top of the ground. As soon as possible the Giant's Causeway is to be strengthened and strapping put across the top of the fort. The children have requested the trench to be left as it is.

Any Other Business: Mrs. J. Hall mentioned the problem of a length of cable lying across the path behind No. 40 Otter Close.

Mr. B. Levitt asked that the builders should clean mud off the roads near the Tesco Superstore site, especially at weekends.

The problem of parking in Otter Close was raised and some discussion took place. It was agreed to ask the Parish Council to advise on the situation.

BAR HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

This was held on Monday, 15th November, 1976, in the Green Hut. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. D. Edwards and Mr. T. Mitchell. Mr. Graham Quatermass-Lewis was elected Chairman of the meeting, and the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 10th November, 1975, were read and approved.
Matters arising:-

1 Super store - this is now under construction.
2 Leases/Maintenance Charges - this has been taken over by the Parish Council.
3 Tenth Anniversary - several ideas have been put forward and acted upon.
4 Buses - Eastern Counties are unable to put back in service the 8.00am bus to Hills Road, as it was not used enough. Until the 8.00am double decker is over-crowded there is little that can be done.

Mrs. Mary Ingram was elected Secretary of the BHRA and Mr. George Clapinski was elected Treasurer. The Committee was elected as follows:-

Mr. G. Brunning	Mr. T. Wingate
Mrs. A. Littlefair	Mr. A. Gowan
Mrs. J. Hall	Mr. D. Price
Mrs. J. Wood	Mr. D. Tyler
Mr. T. Mitchell	Mr. D. Edwards
Mr. G. Quatermass-Lewis	

The Chairman of the, Mr. G. Brunning, gave his report, which is outlined as follows:-

Information booklet - This has been distributed to the village at no charge and it is hoped to update it in the coming year.

Village fete - This was as successful as it could have been during the prolonged hot weather. Many of our guests were put on standby fire duty and were unable to stay very long or even to come at all.

Membership - This was up by 5, which was satisfactory in view of the subscription fee increase last year.

Mobile Library - This will be coming into Hanover Housing when the small van is being used.

Tesco Store - This is now under construction and it hoped that it will open on the 1st March, 1977.

Flyover - This was opened earlier this year and is an improvement to the village.

Dogs and Litter - These continue to be a problem. The only way to improve the situation is to educate people.

Pet Markets - This shop closed in January and to date there are no developments.

Dualling the A604 - Coning has been done to keep traffic speed down whilst the road is being dualled. Application for a cycle path is being considered.

Golf Tournament - This was a success for everyone concerned.

Motor Tools - Mr. G. Brunning is holding a stock of several items of motor maintenance equipment which may be used by members on request.

Functions - Two dances and two discos were held. The discos were more of a success than the dances.

Play Area - After much hard work this venture has got off the ground. The Giants' Causeway is three parts finished, and it is planned to strengthen it very soon. The fort is completed and the children have requested that the trench be left as it is. The tree trunks have stretched a lot of young muscles but so far have not been moved!

Banking Facilities - The National Westminster Bank is now open four days per week. It is hoped that when Tesco and other shops are opened that the bank will be open for five days per week.

Rubbish Tip - This was closed as it was wrongly used and became a health hazard.

Duplicator - This was our major item of capital expenditure this year. The Parish Council were thanked for their grant towards this purchase.

Bar Hill News - At the beginning of the year circulation was 600 and is now up to 710 per month.

Youth Meeting - The Parish Council called this meeting earlier in the year, but so far nothing has progressed.

Street Lighting - Complaints have been received and passed on to the Parish Council about the small amount of reflective tape around the lights which have been switched off.

Warehousing - The official opening of the Warehousing and Industrial sites was well attended and much enjoyed.

Fireworks - This was the first event of the new BHRA year and was a success. Mr. S. Johnston was thanked for planning and buying the fireworks.

The Parish Council was thanked for all their co-operation and assistance over the past year, and to the BHRA committee for their hard work.

The Treasurer, Mr. G. Clapinski, gave his annual report, illustrated by copies of the year's audited accounts. The total income for the year was £1,145.69 and the total expenditure was £915.84, leaving an excess of income over expenditure for the year of £229.85.

Any Other Business:-

The Chairman drew to the meeting's attention the fact that New Ideal Homes were holding an open meeting in the School on the 18th November.

We were asked to clarify the situation of having Alan Reason, New Ideal Homes and Oak Hill Developers all interested in the village development. The Clerk to the Parish Council explained the situation.

It was suggested that there should be a clay pidgeon shoot at the next village fete, and this is being looked into.

As yet, nothing is settled regarding the Tenth Anniversary celebrations next year. However, it is hoped to arrange a week of celebrations at the end of May, culminating in a grand fete.

Mr. G. Olapinski proposed that the BHRA year begin on the 20th January instead of the 20th October. The motion was seconded by Mr. G. Brunning and carried. It was also agreed that the financial year should run from 20th January and the Annual General Meeting should be held between 20th January and 28th February. Thus the Constitution will be amended to read:- "The Association year will run from the 20th January one year to the 28th February the next. Members joining the Association after the 31st July one year will be covered by their subscription until the 19th January next year.

A complaint was raised about stray dogs and it was said that the BHRA would be considering the question of a By-Law next year. The BHRA were asked to define a stray dog and declined for the present.

A complaint was made about the mud on the roads in the industrial area and up to Hanover. This matter is in hand.

Thanks were expressed to the BHRA by Mr. Pettit and Mr. Brunning replied on the BHRA's behalf, thanking the Parish Council.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.55pm.

OAK HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 22nd November, 1976, in the Green Hut.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. J. Hall, Mrs. J. Wood, Mr. G. Olapinski and Mr. T. Mitchell.

Election of Officers: The following committee members were elected to hold office for the coming year:-

Chairman - Mr. Gerry Brunning
Vice-Chairman - Mr. Graham Quatermass-Lewis
Vice-Secretary - Mrs. Anne Littlefair
Membership Secretary - Mr. David Price

Christmas Dance - The posters and tickets have now been distributed.

Bar Hill News - The new team have met and decided upon some changes to the News. The team comprises:- Graham Q-Lewis (Advertising Manager), Trevor Mitchell (Writer), Anne Littlefair (Typist), Gerry Brunning (Printer) and Jo Hall (Distributer.)

Fireworks - It was decided to hold another Bonfire and Fireworks night next November 5th. It is hoped to improve the proceedings by expanding the stalls and food and, if possible, to provide other entertainments. A letter of thanks will be sent to Mr. Johnston for organising the event and to ask him whether he will organise next year's display. The committee agreed to spend more on fireworks, thus keeping up with inflation.

Parish Council Report - This was given by Mr. Price. In future Mr. Price, Mr. Derek Tyler and Mrs. Anne Littlefair will cover Parish Council meetings between them.

Community School Users' Association - Mr. Graham Q.-Lewis gave his report, being our representative on the committee.

Future Meetings - The committee will meet in the Green Hut at 8.00pm on the first Monday of each month.

Forthcoming Events - The committee decided to hold a disco for adults around Easter, a Cheese and Wine party in the Autumn and a Bonfire and Fireworks night on the 5th November. We will also be participating in the Tenth Anniversary celebrations in May.

Any Other Business - We were asked to discover why only two bedroom bungalows are being built on Phase 11A, and no properties of larger size.

Advice is being sought on the dog problem.

Next Meeting - This will be held in the Green Hut at 8.00pm on Monday, 6th December. All members of the public are invited.

Agenda:-

Minutes of the last meeting
Apologies
Matters arising from the minutes
Treasurer's Report
Bar Hill News
Christmas Dance
Amenities Report
Play Area
Any Other Business

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES - NOV. '76.

Our last meeting was on the 16th November, 1976. Some of the points discussed were -

1 Village maintenance. The wording and content of the agreement between the developers and the village is now finalised and signature is expected by the end of November. As soon as the legal transfers of the land have been completed we shall put out details of how residential freeholds will be available for purchase. If you wish to pay maintenance arrears we shall have the records by the end of December and will publish the procedure to be followed. This information will also be needed by residents who are selling their houses and need to get their lease transfer approved, as well as paying their maintenance arrears.

2 The Mall. The developers are planning changes to the Mall which changes they hope to have completed by March/April when Tescos opens. Details are not yet known, although there are known to be several plans under discussion.

3 Play Equipment. The Council would be very grateful if any residents with views about equipment needs and the safety aspects of play equipment would contact a councillor/clerk. The strategy being followed by the Council is to provide certain central areas e.g. the village green, with equipment and additionally for local play areas to have equipment for younger children.

4 Mud on the Roads. Both ourselves and the Residents Assn. have complained about the road near the top of Viking Way and the perimeter road near Phase 11A/Appletrees. The village can only persuade the builders to comply with the law or ask the County Council to take action.

5 Signs. The Council are to order some "Cul de Sac" signs for the entrance to residential roads to try and stop the wandering lorries/vans. The County Surveyor has also said that he is prepared to put up better village directional signs on the approaches to the new roundabout.

6 Roadworks. The new Tesco roundabout on the perimeter road should start in the next month. There will be some disruption and diversion once the work starts.

7 Next Meeting. The next meeting to which the public is invited is on Tuesday, 21st December at 8.00pm in the Green Hut. Notice of meetings and minutes of past meetings are published on the noticeboard in the Mall. Other official notices are also posted there.

Mark Pettit, Parish Clerk
28 Acorn Avenue
Tel: Crafts Hill 80400.

O P I N I O N.

WHY TO BURN?

A hundred and fifty pounds goes up in smoke in less than half an hour. What a waste! How much better if we could give the money to some deserving charity, perhaps to help support the world's starving millions. These and similar thoughts passed through my mind as I stood and watched the Bar Hill Firework Display on the 5th November.

An understandable and very laudable ideal, but an ideal I am sure it will remain. For our behaviour, and the alternatives, are seldom as simple as they seem.

Firstly, let us look at the situation on a local and largely economic basis. A hundred and fifty pounds seems a lot of money for half an hour of entertainment - one wonders, from a purely selfish point of view, whether the display is value for money. But at 50p per household, and the "British Standard Family" with 2.4 children, we have less than 12p per person, which compares favourably with most types of entertainment outside the home.

However, the fact remains that with two-thrids of the world population starving, here we are spending £150 on a few bursts of coloured flame and smoke, and all to commemorate the act of a traitor - and a failure at that! Not that his icase don't still appeal. The thought of spending our £150 on high explosives to be placed under the seats of our elected honourable gentlemen has its attractions. At least one would then see some purpose behind the festivities, and it would be much more in keeping with the ideals of the late Guido, whose acts we are commemorating. But I digress.

It is a sad reflection on human nature, or perhaps on any faith in human nature, but I am sure we would have much more difficulty in asking 50p per household for the poor of the world than we would for a firework display - and the response to the firework collection was only 40%. In the same way that we hate paying insurance premiums, we resist giving money to charities for which we see no end result. Supporting the poor seems like pouring money into a bottomless pit, and erodes the moral foundations of our own material security by anking us realise how well off we are. With the fireworks display the ned result of the donation is clearly visible, and having paid up we can close our purses secure in the knowledge that the collector and the cause will go away for another year. Poverty won't go away however much we give.

The danger with any discussion such as this is that one tends to argue in black and white rather than in the real world of shades and colours. Enjoyment and concern for those less well off are not mutually exclusive. Indeed we are not helping the poor one iota by being miserable ourselves. Our lives and our personalities would be the worse for not celebrating such events as birthdays and Christmas. What I hope is that we can all give our thoughts and some of our material wealth to the poor as well as develop our own existence to the maximum benefit of the whole of mankind. And that, I think, includes enjoying ourselves - in moderation, of course!. T.M.

[illegible] - [illegible] FOR THE VILLAGE.

In just a few weeks time the next stage in the growth of Bar Hill Village will be well under way. Phase II, to be known as Appletrees, will be the first section to be developed on the south side of the village and is adjacent to the playing field.

At a meeting in Bar Hill School on the 18th November, the builders of Appletrees, New Ideal Homes, came to explain the new development, and discuss any points that current residents of the village might wish to raise. About 80 people were there to hear presentations made by representatives of the builders, which were clear and interesting, although plainly oriented towards "selling" their wares, despite their assurances to the contrary.

Christopher Price, Marketing Director of New Ideal Homes, explained that the company was part of the very large Trafalgar House Group, whose interests extend far beyond the affairs of house building to owning the Cunard line of ships and building large bridges worldwide. The implication was that this gave the company a sound and respectable financial basis, although it must be said that this does not seem to have helped some of the builders who have operated at Bar Hill in the past. However, Mr. Price was confident that New Ideal Homes were here to stay, and although no long-term development contract had been signed, he expected his company to be working in the future on the further expansion of the village.

New Ideal Homes build houses all over the Southern part of England, but the nearest they have worked to Cambridge so far is at the northern limits of the Greater London area. They are used to developing large housing areas, and indeed complete new communities, and this was shown during the evening in a film concerning major expansion at Woking. A 600 acre development, equivalent to a small town in itself, was involved, all the houses being built by New Ideal Homes, and a number of other aspects, such as warehouse units being dealt with by other subsidiaries of the Trafalgar House Group. Of particular importance to the residents' present and future of Bar Hill, the film showed details of the novel technique of house building which will be seen at Appletrees.

Technical Director, Brian Aspin, took over the presentation to describe the design and construction of timber framed houses. It is a modern adaptation of a mediaeval way of building, similar to that used in the picturesque black and white half-timbered houses which we are all familiar with. The modern version has been developed in the U.K. over the past 10 to 15 years, but has been widely used for more than 70 years in Scandinavia and North America, where timber is plentiful.

An engineered frame of timber is the heart of the building design, and here Mr. Aspin emphasised the word "engineered". It arrives on site as pre-constructed panels with an outer waterproof cladding of impregnated fibreboard already attached. With the aid of a crane, the complete inner structure of a small two-storey house can be erected in one day, providing a free-standing, weatherproof unit to which the internal fittings may be added immediately in complete protection from the elements.

At this point the houses have a distinct "cardboard" appearance, which gives an unfortunate impression, but when the inner walls of plasterboard and the completely independent outer walls of brick are completed the house can not be distinguished from a house of more "normal" construction.

In the opinion of New Ideal Homes, timber framed houses have a number of advantages both to the builder and the buyer. The point most immediately noticeable to the visitor is their warmth. The panels are already insulated when they arrive for assembly, but in addition to this a "quilt" of insulation is lowered between the inner and outer walls. The houses are therefore easily and cheaply heated.

Due to the "engineered" construction, corners are square enough, and dimensions precise enough for kitchen fittings and window frames to be produced to standard size and fitted with little or no adjustment. This, plus the elimination of the internal "wet trades", such as plastering, means that cracks and other problems due to drying out are almost non-existent, and long-term maintenance costs are much reduced.

So, it is clear to see, the virtues of New Ideal Homes were well and truly extolled. But what are the current residents of Bar Hill going to see for all this? For the first phase of Appletrees, which is about a third of the total of Phase 11, we shall see a little over sixty dwelling units, being two-bedroomed houses and two-bedroomed bungalows in about equal numbers. The layout is on the "close and cluster" principle, with which we are all familiar in other parts of the village. All the units have garages, mostly grouped in blocks.

For the later stages of Appletrees, the builders are very keen to introduce some larger three and four bedroomed detached houses, but it seems that the planners responsible for the village are opposed to this. No doubt some compromise will be reached, but for the moment the form of the later stages of development is not clear.

Work starts almost immediately, the first unit being ready for occupation in April 1977, and the rest being completed by the end of the year. The larger houses, if they appear at all, are unlikely to be seen before 1978.

So we move into the 10th year of Bar Hill with another new builder taking on the task of expanding our community. Certainly if their enthusiasm and sales technique is anything to go by, New Ideal Homes may have more success than their predecessors. They should be at least congratulated on their presentation to the residents at the school, although I feel we could have had a little less sales talk and a little more of the effects of the new development on the current residents of the village.

May we wish them luck, and hope that they are able to provide the stable and forward-looking approach that our village needs in its further expansion.

Trevor Mitchell

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Autumn Dance: The Autumn Dance held recently at the School was a huge success, everyone enjoying themselves very much. The food and drink were also greatly enjoyed. Sadly, most of the support for this occasion came from outside the village. We hope you will try and support future activities - they really are good!

Committee: The Committee are as follows:-

Mr. W.H.S. Norton	Chairman
Mrs. M.J. Giddings	Secretary
Mr. E. Medlar	Treasurer
Mrs. G. Dunk	
Mrs. B. Page	
Mrs. A. Harris	
Mrs. D. Barratt	
Mr. K. Devine	
Mrs. Iedersen	
Mrs. Wilson	
Mrs. Roberts	Staff

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

The Red Cross Bar Hill Cadet Unit is growing in a most satisfactory manner. On the 19th October Joanne Purvey, Alison Kinchington, Sandy Hassall, Helen Bramwell and Sandra Field were enrolled, and on the 7th December there will be a further enrollment of three members of the Party.

An Adult First Aid Course is starting at Swavesey Village College on the 18th January. This is a full course which leads up to an optional examination. The passing of the exam entitles you to a B.R.C.S. certificate in First Aid.

Mrs. J. Small
31 Long Lane, Willingham
Tel: 60480

YOGA.

I am hoping to start a Hatha Yoga class in Bar Hill after Christmas, on Saturday afternoons from 3.30pm - 5.00pm.

The class is open to adults of any age and either sex, beginners or otherwise. The breathing method taught is an integral part of the movements, and tends to produce a feeling of calm and well-being.

Costs will be kept to a minimum. If you are interested and think you could attend 3 classes out of 4, I'd be very pleased to hear from you and answer any questions.
Gillian Mills, 17 Acorn Avenue, Tel: Crafts Hill 80551.

[illegible] HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

About the Garden.

As I look out of my window I wonder if there will ever be a break in what, at times, seems to be a perpetual downpour of rain. A somewhat different view to the one I had in mid-summer! With this continuous wet weather it is very difficult to do any digging in the garden or on the allotment. The soil is very heavy and if dug under such conditions will set hard when the clods dry out, and then life is one long struggle to regain that good, fine texture that all gardeners strive for. "Timing" is the key word. I do not mean the time of year as standard practice says that the clay ground should be dug over in the Autumn. This is fine in a reasonably dry season, but this year we must use a different timing method. This is quite a simple test and all that is necessary is to dig over one spit of soil with a spade, and if the soil clods break up easily, then the ground can be dug over. I should stress, though, that just because the clods can be broken up we would be unwise to do so, as further rain will compress the soil and air, and frost will be excluded. So leave the soil in large clods and let Mother Nature do the rest for you.

Library.

The Library is now stocked with a wide selection of books. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who donated books to the society. Thank you. I am sure that these books will give many hours of pleasureable reading and a greater insight into the plant world.

Dates for your Diary.

Talks:	12th January	Landscaping in the small garden by Mr. Orriss
	9th February	Soil care and maintenance by Mr. [illegible] Gowen
	9th March	Annual General Meeting. Plus More Unusual vegetables to grow, by Mr. Cramp.
	11th May	No arrangements made yet.
	15th June	Presenting flowers and vegetables at Shows, by Mr. Peacock.

All the above events will take place at the School, Bar Hill.

Dates for Show and Competitions.

19th - 20th April	Royal National Rose Society's Spring competition held at the Royal Horticultural Society's new hall.
1st - 2nd July	R.N.R.S. Summer Show held at R.H.S. halls.

[illegible] July	Bar Hill Horticultural Society garden competition.
9th - 10th July	R.N.R.S. Northern Show held at Holker Hall near Grange-over-Sands.
7th - 8th September	R.N.R.S. Autumn Show held at the R.H.S. Halls.
10th September	Bar Hill Horticultural Society's Annual Show to be held in the School hall.

Visits.

I shall be arranging two visits to local gardens, one in early summer and the other in early autumn. Details of these will be given in the New Year. I have arranged a visit to Hemingford Park Nurseries. We shall be given a demonstration of propogating shrubs from cuttings. Also included will be a visit to a nearby garden centre, giving the art of planning gardens and landscaping. This is a follow-up to the November talk this year and the January talk 1977.

A.E. Gowen (Secretary)
27 Gladeside
Tel: C.H. 80280

BAR HILL PENSIONERS' GUILD.

The Guild recently held its AGM and elected a Committee for 1976 - 77. We usually hold meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, and our provisional programme until the Summer break is as follows:-

14th December	Darts Social in a local Real Ale pub.
8th January	New Year Party. (Members and their guests only.)
8th February	Home-made wine competition. We are also trying to arrange a visit to a local brewery during February.
8th March	Visit to a Cambs. pub serving traditional beer.
12th April	Home-brewed beer competition.
22nd May	Car Rally/Treasure Hunt (with a drop of lunch).
14th June	Film on Continental wine.
23rd July	Summer Barbeque.

Membership: The annual subscription remains excellent value at a mere 50p. New members would be most welcome, and may join by contacting either of the Secretaries (Norman Chapman at 8 Partridge Drive, or Peter Hoare at 14 Pheasant Rise, tel C.H. 80758) or the Treasurer (Tom Whitford at 95 Hollytrees, tel C.H. 80397.)

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, details of which will be announced later.

STOP PRESS. December's meeting will be a darts/social on the 14th at the White Swan, Conington, at 8.00pm. Please contact one of the Secretaries if you would like a lift, or meet us in Conington.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - B'R HILL BRANCH.

We would like to thank all members of the village who contributed to our Poppy Day collection, for which the sum of £56.00 was collected.

The Branch AGM was held on the 15th November and the following officers were elected:-

Chairman	Mr. L. Philpotts, 23 Partridge Drive
Vice Chairman	Mr. L. Duce, 22 Gladeside
Secretary	Mr. R. Evans, 49 Fox Hollow
Treasurer	Mr. T. Stevenson, 40 Partridge Drive.

If there are any ex-servicemenin the village who are not members of the Legion and wish to join or to have further information about the work of the Legion, would they like to contact any of the above officers.

Our Christmas Dance is being held on the 10th December from 8 - 12pm at the School. Dancing to "The Sugartones" and a turkey buffet, tickets available from any of the Branch officers, price £1.50.

Our next Branch meeting will be held on Monday, 6th December.

Mr. R.D. Evans, Secretary
49 Fox Hollow, Tel: 80403

THE BRITISH RESIDENTS CLUB.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and hope that in the New Year, all our Christmas happiness will follow us right through the New Year.

The Chesterton Senior Citizens extend an invitation for anyone to join in their plan for a holiday in 1977, and very good value it is, too, although we start booking before Christmas. The holiday is by coach, leaving Par Hill (and returning) on August 19th - 30th, 1977, for £50. This includes coach fare, hotel accommodation (with three meals a day) at Morecambe. Full and half-day excursions into Cumbria and the Lake District. A booking fee of £5 is all that is needed and the remainder (£45) at the end of July, 1977. There are double bedrooms (and single beds) only. The hotel is situated on the sea front. Please contact me before the 15th December, 1976.

We hold our Christmas Dinner at the Cambridgeshire Hotel on Thursday, 9th December (7.30pm for 8.00pm). Quite a party it is going to be!

The Club has had a very good year with a good mixture of help, entertainment, outings and new friends. We hope to increase this in the New Year, when we begin with our AGM and plans for 1977 on the 13th January.

Thank you for your help at the Jumble Sale, we raised £6.00 to be given to the Church funds, and the W.R.V.S. were grateful for the unsold clothes for distribution to the needy.

Mrs. I.M. Price
9 Acorn Avenue, 80501

RING THEM BELLS!

To help add atmosphere to the village celebrations in 1977 I was wondering whether anyone in the village was interested in forming a group to ring handbells. Churchbells have traditionally rung out for important events. Although we do not have a bell tower in the Village, handbells could be used to great effect both for the type of ringing associated with tower bells(changes) and as a musical instrument to ring more conventional music, from classical to pop.

I have a small set of handbells, so if anyone would like to contact me I could arrange for the group to meet for suitable practices. You do not need a formal musical training to ring handbells - the essential qualities are a sense of rhythm and the ability to work as part of a team. Ages of ringers usually range from 9 to over 90. If the group becomes established, it could also be hired out (for a fee to charity) for other occasions such as weddings, christenings or any other festival.

Gina Barber
39 Oatlands Avenue

Mrs. Farley, the Health Visitor, is on holiday from the 25th December to January 3rd inclusive. Please phone Mrs. Yaxley, Health Visitor, at Histon 2676 between 9.00 am and 9.30am if needed on December 29th, 30th and 31st.

Dates and Times of the Health Centre opening over Christmas will be on show in the Health Centre window.

NEW RESIDENTS.

A warm welcome to the village is extended to:-

Mr. and Mrs. Chisnall, 20 Otter Close
Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin, 90 Hollytrees
Mr. and Mrs. Haggs, 20 Hollytrees
Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, 72 Hollytrees
Mr. and Mrs. Orridge, 67 Hollytrees
Mr. and Mrs. Purrell, 88 Hollytrees
Mr. and Mrs. Page, 22 Hollytrees
Mr. Dudley, 25 Hollytrees
Mr. Smith, 29 Hollytrees
Mr. Millward, 28 Hollytrees

EVEN NEWER RESIDENTS!

And a warm welcome to the worls is extended to:-

Stephen Wood, 3 Almond Grove, born 5.11.76
Jennifer Orridge, 67 Hollytrees, born 6.11.76
Trevor Chapman, 8 Partridge Drive, born 8.11.76
Andrew Bell, 35 Otter Close, born 9.11.76
Richard Hedge, 35 Oatlands Avenue, born 12.11.76
Boy baby Hinchliffe, 60 Oatlands Avenue, born 16.11.76
Boy baby Lawson, 42 Oatlands Avenue, born 17.11.76
Girl baby Holmes, 23 Pheasant Rise, born 17.11.76

DIARY DATES.

Friday, 3rd December	Pre-School Playgroup Association Wine and cheese evening 8.00pm at Brunswick Teacher Centre.
Tuesday, 7th December	Pre-School Playgroup Association Carol concert 2.00pm Wesley Church, Cambridge. Everyone welcome.
Monday, 13th December	Coffee Morning in aid of Cystic Fibrosis (disease of young children). 10.00am - 11.30am at Jo Hall's, 41 Otter Close.

FIELD.

Jo Hall of 41 Otter Close, collects milk bottle tops and silver foil, used postage stamps, paper bags.

Anne Littlefair collects used "picture" and all foreign postage stamps for the R.N.I.B.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.

Take note! Grand Christmas Whist Drive - Friday, 19th December at 7.45pm in the School. Seasonal prizes. Tickets available from 41 Otter Close and 48 Acorn Avenue.

VACANCY.

The post of TODDLER GROUP SUPERVISOR will be vacant from the end of this term. All applications please to the Playgroup Committee. Secretary: Jo Hall, 41 Otter Close. All applications to be in, please, by the 10th December.

PLEASE NOTE - THE FOLLOWING REGULAR FEATURES WERE RECEIVED SIX DAYS AFTER THE DUE DATE FOR COPY. WE HAVE ONLY MANAGED TO INCLUDE IT BECAUSE THE TYPIST IS BEHIND THIS MONTH! WILL ALL CONTRIBUTORS PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL COPY IS AT EITHER 29 OR 30 OTTER CLOSE BY THE 20th OF THE MONTH. THANK YOU.

BAR HILL CHURCH. STOP PRESS.

Good News Distribution. Early in December, every household in the village is to be given a free copy of "The Good News According to Luke". This is a free gift from Bar Hill Church and will be brought to you by friends of the Church. They will be glad to tell you more about it if you wish them to do so.

BAR HILL CHURCH.

Ministers: Rev. Richard Smart, The Rectory, Scotland Road, Dry Drayton. Tel: C.H. 80828.
Rev. Gladys Seymour, Church House, 19 Acorn Avenue. Tel: C.H. 80331.

The Church, sponsored by the Baptist Union, the Church of England, the Methodist Church, the Religious Society of Friends and the United Reformed Church, welcomes the co-operation of allChristians in its life and work. We especially extend a warm welcome to all new residents in the village to join us.

December is the month when we especially celebrate the GOOD NEWS - the news of all that God has done for us by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to be the world's Redeemer. We hope that you will make an effort to share in celebrating this by joining us in worship, but we also hope you will want to read and think about it yourself. So early in December someone will visit you on behalf of the Church to give you - all for free! - a copy of the GOOD NEWS according to LUKE. Please accept this small gift with our good wishes.

Sunday, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services:

A creche is provided on Sunday Mornings and children normally leave after opening worship to meet in their own age groups. At present classes for the 11+ age group meet on the second and fourth Sundays.

5th Dec.	10.00am	Worship and Holy Communion conducted by the Rev. Richard Smart. Preacher: Rev. Bill Schutter.
	8.00pm	Prayer Fellowship and second Bible Study on "The Good News".
12th Dec.	10.00am	Worship and Holy Communion conducted by the Rev. Gladys Seymour. Preacher: Rev. Richard Smart.
	6.30pm	"WOULD THE EVIDENCE CONVICT YOU OF BEING A CHRISTIAN?" A service conducted by the Rev. Don Lawson with a dramatic interlude.
	7.30pm	Refreshments.
	8.00pm	Prayer Fellowship and third Bible Study on "The Good News."
19th Dec.	10.00am	Toy Service conducted by Rev. Richard Smart. Short address by Rev. Gladys Seymour.
	4.00pm	Carol Service which will include some choir items.
	8.00pm	Prayer Fellowship and fourth Bible Study on "The Good News".
Christmas Eve	11.30pm	Worship and Holy Communion. Rev. Gladys Seymour.
Christmas Day	10.00am	Worship and Holy Communion Rev. Richard Smart.
26th Dec.	10.00am	Morning Worship: Rev. Gladys Seymour.
	8.00pm	Prayer Fellowship.

Recent contributions for the help of other people include £9.92 for the agricultural project among the Masai, raised as a result of the Harvest Fellowship Ploughman's Supper, and £28 each to the Autistic Children and Spina Bifida charities, raised by sponsored walks.

Please remember that we are both very willing to call at any home in the village where there is some special need or sickness.

With sincere greetings,

Richard Smart and Gladys Seymour.

CHURCH NOTICES.

ALLCOMERS: Tuesday 7th Dec. 10.00am - 11.30am
Coffee morning, Christmas stall and mince pies.

Tuesday 14th Dec. Carol Service and Christmas Party for toddlers and Christmas tree.

Tuesday 21st Dec. No Allcomers.

Tuesday 28th Dec. No Allcomers.

Wednesday 8th Dec. BUFFET LUNCH in Church Centre 12 noon - 1.30pm. Soup 10p. Roll, cheese 5p.

Thursday 16th Dec. GRAND CHRISTMAS LUNCH. Three-course lunch in the Church Centre. 1.00pm - 2.30pm. Adults 50p, children 20p. Numbers please to Jo Hall before Monday, 13th Dec.

NEARLY NEW SALES.

The December Nearly New Sales will be on Tuesday, 7th Dec. 8.00pm - 9.30pm and Wednesday, 8th Dec. 10.00am - 12 noon, in the Church Centre. For this month only we will accept nearly new toys and any other suitable Christmas gifts as well as clothes. All articles should be clean and in good condition and the toys should have no missing parts. Each item should be marked with name and price - one third to Church Centre funds, and must be collected at the end of the Wednesday sale. Please note change of time of the Tuesday evening sale due to the junior school Christmas concert being on the same evening, and also that there will be no sale in January.

Isabel Wilson
18 Almond Grove.

8 O' CLOCK CLUB.

No meeting in December.

Those members going to the Cambridgeshire Hotel for the Christmas Dinner on the 16th December, please meet in the hotel bar at 8.00pm for 8.30pm dinner. If you have not paid, please let Adela, 11 Gladeside, of Barbara, 17 Almond Grove,

have the money by the 10th December.

Next meeting: Coffee evening on the 6th January at 8.00pm at Marian Manchester's, 15 Clareside.

FIRST BAR HILL WI COFFEE MORNING.

There will be a coffee morning on Saturday, 11th December 10.00am - 11.30am in Bar Hill School Hall. There will be a cake stall and a few surprises!

If you would like to bake us a cake, we would be pleased to collect it.

Margaret Marrottle	Crafts Hill 80232
Heather Crocker	Crafts Hill 80042
Margaret Tabbitt	Crafts Hill 80298

WI NEWS.

The WI are running a LOCAL LITERATURE daytime course for ten weeks after Christmas at Swavesey Village College and, as the course has been planned with the "house-bound" mum in mind (though not exclusively - all are welcome), CRECHE FACILITIES will be provided. Here is an opportunity for those who have asked "When are we going to have a literature class again?".

There will be a pre-course discussion with the tutor, Mrs. [illegible] Turner, [illegible], Fellow of Hughes Hall, at 10.00am on Wednesday, 12th January, 1977. The course proper begins at the same time on Wednesday, 19th January. The emphasis will be on an introduction to modern literature, a first course for housewives of the "What shall we read?" kind.

Perhaps, for some who would like to join the class, transport may be a problem, but hopefully this could provide scope for some community effort with a car-sharing scheme, for Swavesey are attempting to fulfil a need that we know exists in Bar Hill, one that we would have liked to deal with ourselves, had suitable accommodation been available. We shall have to wait until our Village Hall materialises but, in the meantime, it would be nice to support Swavesey's venture in a gesture of inter-village co-operation.

Our course in Bar Hill on ECHOLOGY starts early in the New Year at 8.00pm, Wednesday, 5th January. We hope to see many "old faithfuls" and to welcome new friends at the School on that date.

Happy Christmas to all members past, present and prospective of Bar Hill WI!

Keith Hamill, Secretary
23 Corn Avenue (C.H. 80471)

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